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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE - NEW FOLLOW-UP PROPOSAL BY

MAREI

REF: ROME 15568

1. WITHOUT KNOWING MORE DETAILS ON FUNCTIONS AND AUTHORITY OF MAREI'S NEW PROPOSED WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, IT IS DIFFICULT FROM HERE TO GIVE DEFINITIVE RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR WASHINGTON REACTION CONTAINED REFTEL. TO EXTENT THAT COUNCIL IS A WARMING OVER OF EARLIER MAREI WF AUTHORITY PROPOSAL, I.E., BODY WHICH IS LARGELY SUPERFICIAL FRAMEWORK WITHOUT ANY REAL SUBSTANTIVE OR SUPERVISORY FUNCTION, U.S. WOULD NOT FAVOR SUCH A GROUP.

2. IN GENERAL, USG AT THIS POINT IN CONFERENCE IS NOT
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PREPARED TO GO BEYOND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S EXPRESSION

OF OPENMINDEDNESS TOWARD SUGGESTIONS OF CENTRAL BODY TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP. WE BELIEVE CRUCIAL OBJECTIVE OF WFC IS SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENT ON PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION AND RESERVE PROBLEMS, AND THAT INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL DEPEND UPON THESE AGREEMENTS. OUR POSITION RE CENTRAL BODY MUST THEREFORE AWAIT RESULTS OF NEGOTIATION OF VARIOUS SUBJECTS COVERED IN U.S. POSITION PAPERS. RE MAREI PROPOSAL OR ANY OTHER, USDEL SHOULD FOR THE TIME BEING RESERVE POSITION ON CENTRAL BODY.

3. IF APPROPRIATE, DELEGATION MAY BEGIN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS HEADING TOWARD AD HOC ECOSOC COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER WFC ORGANIZATIONAL FOLLOW-UP, AS SET FORTH IN PARA 7 OF U.S. POSITION PAPER ON FOLLOW-UP MECHANISMS. KISSINGER

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